First Day of School



Picture Books:

Author Title Call Number

Anholt, Laurence Billy and the big, new school

E Anh

-Billy is nervous about starting school, but as he cares for a sparrow that eventually learns to fly on its own, he realizes that he too can look after himself.

Berenstain, Stan The Berenstain Bears go back to school E Ber

-On the first day of the new school year, the Berenstain cubs are reminded that "though school is a challenge, it can also be fun."

Blabey, Aaron Sunday Chutney

E Bla

-Sunday Chutney's family moves often to different countries, so she has found imaginative ways to cope with being the new girl at school.

Blake, Stephanie I don't want to go to school!

E Bla

-Simon the rabbit does not want to go to his first day of school, but by the time his mother comes to take him home, he is having such a good time that he does not want to leave.

Bloom, Suzanne The Bus for Us!

E Blo

On her first day of school, Tess wonders what the school bus will look like.

Borden, Louise Off to First Grade

E Bor

Each member of a first grade class, as well as their teacher, principal, and a bus driver, expresses excitement, worry, or hope as the first day of school begins.

Bourgeois, Paulette Franklin goes to school

E Bou

On the first day of school, Franklin is a little nervous, but his teacher, Mr. Owl, knows just what to do.

Brillhart, Julie Molly rides the School Bus

E Bri

Molly is worried about riding the school bus on her first day of kindergarten, but a friendly older girl helps her adjust.

Carlson, Nancy

Look out kindergarten, here I come!

E Car

Even though Henry is looking forward to going to kindergarten, he is not sure about staying once he first gets there.

Carlstrom, Nancy White It

It's your first day of school, Annie Claire

E Car

Annie Claire, excited but nervous about her first day of school, is reasurred by her mother, whose love always goes with her.

Child, Lauren

I am too absolutely small for school

E Chi

When Lola is worried about starting school, her older brother Charlie reassures her.

Collicot, Sharleen Mildred and Sam and their babies E Col

Mildred and Sam's eight baby mice prepare for their first day of school.

Corey, Shana Horus' horrible day E Cor

As the school year begins on Mars, Horus the Martian gets off to a rocky start, but soon discovers that first grade is not really as bad as he thought.

Cousins, Lucy Maisy goes to Preschool E Cou

"Join Maisy and her friends for a busy day at preschool! Experience many school activities: painting, music, story time, and more!

Danneberg, Julie First Day Jitters E Dan

Sarah is afraid to start at a new school, but both she and the reader are in for a surprise when she gets to her class.

Davis, Katie I'm Telling You, Dex, Kindergarten Rocks? E Dav

Dexter knows everything there is to know about kindergarten and is not at all scared about his first day there, but his stuffed dog, Rufus, is very nervous.

DePaola, Tomie Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat go to school **E Dep**

Bossy Moffie and her quiet twin brother Morgie both enjoy starting school, especially getting gold stars and making new friends.

Dewdney, Anna Llama misses Mama E Dew

Llama Llama experiences separation anxiety on his first day of nursery school.

Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidner Pooh's First Day of School E Dis

Pooh experiences his first day of school.

Dodd, Emma Foxy E Dod

Emily is worried about starting school for the first time, but Foxy waves his magic tail to provide what she needs to be ready--after a few mistakes along the way.

Greene, Stephanie Princess Posey and the first grade parade **E Gre**

Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.

Grogan, John Marley goes to school E Gro

Marley the rambunctious dog sniffs his way to Cassie's school and spreads chaos as he searches for her.

Harper, Jamie Miss Mingo and the First Day of School E Har

Miss Mingo helps all of the animal students in her class overcome their shyness on the first day of school by encouraging them to share something special about themselves. Includes facts about animals.

Harris, Robie I am not going to school today

A little boy decides to skip his very first day of school, because on the first day one doesn't know anything, but on the second, one knows everything.

Heide, Florence Parry The one and only Marigold

E Hei

E Har

Relates the misadventures of Marigold, who does not agree with anyone, as she shops with her mother for a coat, becomes interested in a new hobby, finds a way to "bug" her best friend, Maxine, and imaginatively copes with finding the right outfit for the first day of school

Henkes, Kevin Wemberly Worried

E Hen

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

Hest, Amy Off to school, Baby Duck

E Hes

Baby Duck experiences the fear of the first day of school, but with a little help from Grampa, everything turns out okay in the end.

Hill, Eric Spot goes to School

E Hil

Spot the dog has an eventful first day at school.

Horse, Harry Little Rabbit goes to school

E Hor

Little Rabbit takes his favorite toy, Charlie Horse, along for his first day of school and when there is trouble, he blames it all on Charlie

Kirk, David Little Miss Spider at Sunny Patch School

E Kir

On her first day at school, Little Miss Spider worries that she cannot do what the others can, but she learns that she has a special quality all her own.

Lee, Hyun Young Something for School

E Lee

On the first day of school Yoon is very excited and looks forward to meeting lots of new friends. But a silly mistake makes the day go badly.

Levitin, Sonia When Kangaroo goes to school

E Lev

Kangaroo learns the proper way to behave on the first day of school.

London, Johnathan Froggy goes to school

E Lon

Froggy is nervous about his first day of school, but, even though it's hard to sit still, he has a wonderful time.

McCarty, Peter Henry in Love

E Mcc

On the first day of school, Henry the cat vies for the attention of the most amazing girl in class, Chloe Rabbit.

McGhee, Alison Mrs. Watson wants your teeth

E McG

A first grader is frightened on her first day of school after hearing a rumor that her teacher is a 300-year-old alien with a purple tongue who steals baby teeth from her students.

McGhee, Alison Countdown to Kindergarten

E McG

Ten days before the start of kindergarten, a preschooler cannot tie her shoes by herself and fears the worst.

Millmann, Isaac Moses goes to school

E Mil

Moses and his friends enjoy the first day of school at their special school for the deaf and hard of hearing, where they use sign language to talk to each other.

Montanari, Eva A very full morning

E Mon

When Little Tooth goes to her first day of school, she learns that she is not the only rabbit who is anxious.

Moss, Peggy One of Us

E Mos

Roberta is welcomed by different groups on her first day at a new school, only to be told she does not fit in with them for some reason, but by the next day, members of each group have begun to see that they do not have to be alike in every way.

Neubecker, Robert Wow! School!

E Neu

Izzy finds many things to be excited about on the first day of school.

Northway, Jennifer See you later, Mom

E Nor

On his first day of preschool, William's mother stays with him.

Ormerod, Jan

When an Elephant comes to school

E Orm

With the help of his classmates, an elephant has a good first day of school.

Pak, Soyung

Sumi's first day of school ever

E Pak

By the time Sumi finishes her first day of school, she decides that school is not as lonely, scary, or mean as she had thought.

Parish, Herman

Amelia Bedelia's first day of school

E Par

A literal-minded first-grader's first day of school is filled with confusing adventures, much to her delight.

Penn, Audrey

The kissing hand

E Pen

When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.

Pennypacker, Sara

Stuart goes to School

E Pen

Worried about his first day at a new school, eight-year-old Stuart wears his magic cape and hopes that it will help him.

Perez, L. King

First day in Grapes

E Per

When Chico starts the third grade after his migrant worker family moves to begin harvesting California grapes, he finds that self confidence and math skills help him cope with the first day of school.

Poydar, Nancy

First day, hooray!

E Pov

All over town, Ivy Green and her bus driver and her teacher and the other school employees get ready for the first day of school.

Rey, H.A Curious George's first day of school

E Rey

When Curious George attends the first day of school as a special helper, he winds up creating a big mess.

Schaefer, Lola M. Frankie Stein Starts School

E Sch

Frankie begins his first day at Miss Wart's Academy for Ghouls and Goblins excited and eager to learn, but when the other students tease him for being different, he demonstrates what he already knows about being scary.

Scotton, Rob Splat the Cat

E Sco

A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.

Senderak, Carol Hunt Mommy in my pocket

E Sen

When a little girl is too nervous about leaving her mom on the first day of school, she uses her imagination to picture a day with Mommy in her pocket.

Thompson, Lauren

Mouse's first day of school

E Tho

When he goes to school, Mouse finds a world of new objects and new friends.

Urdahl, Catherine Polka-dot Fixes Kindergarten

E Urd

On the first day of kindergarten, Polka-dot uses the fix-it kit her grandpa has prepared for her to help her make a friend.

Wright, Michael Jake starts school

E Wri

No one can pry a frightened Jake away from his parents on the first day of school, and so the three must watch as his classmates have fun until, at the end of the day, his teacher finally gets him to let go.

Yum, Hvewon

Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten!

E Yum

A five-year-old boy, ready and eager on his first day at "the big kids' school," must calm his very worried mother.

Series Books:

Alder, David A. Cam Jansen and the first day of school mystery

I Ser Cam

- On her first day of fifth grade, Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to help the police find a car thief.

McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody

I Ser Jud

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Park, Barbara

Junie B., first grader : shipwrecked

I Ser Jun

Junie B.'s journal entries start with Room One's stomach virus excitement, the first-grade Columbus Day play, and getting the part of the Pinta, the fastest ship.

Martin. Ann M.

September Surprises

J Ser Mai

Flora and Nikki are excited about starting seventh grade in a new school building, but Olivia worries about being the youngest girl in the whole school.

Barnes, Derrick D. Brand New School, Brave New Ruby

J Ser Rub

When Ruby Booker starts third grade at Hope Road Academy, the same school her three illustrious older brothers attend, she tries hard to make an impression of her own.

Look, Lenore Ruby Lu, Star of the Show

J Ser Rub

Ruby Lu's father loses his job on her first day of third grade, which causes many things in her life to change, and she is willing to do a lot to help out but giving up some things seems impossible.

Chapter Book:

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody The Reinvention of Moxie Roosevelt

J F Kim

On her first day of boarding school, a thirteen-year-old girl who feels boring and invisible decides to change her personality to match her unusual name.

Lindgren, Astrid Pippi goes to school

J F Lin

After Tommy and Annika entice Pippi into going to school, her first-and-only day there is unlike anything they ever expected.

Book and CD Sets:

D'Amico, Carmela Ella the Elegant Elephant

J Bag Dam

Ella is nervous about the first day of school in her new town, but wearing her grandmother's good luck hat makes her feel better--until the other students tease her and call her names.

McNamara, Margaret The

The first day of School

J Bag Mcn

After a summer of playing with his puppy, Michael is sad to learn that she cannot stay with him on the first day of school.

En Español:

Danneberg, Julie Qué nervios! : el primer día de escuela

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